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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Motoharu SEIKI et al. Conf.: 6821

Appl. No.: 09/689,730 Group: 1652

Filed: October 13, 2000 Examiner: R. Prouty

For: NOVEL METALLOPROTEINASE AND ENCODING
DNA THEREOF

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FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 17, 2003

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In reply to the final Office Action issued on June 17, 2003 and the Advisory Action issued October 9, 2003, the due date having been extended for two (2) months to November 17, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

The present response contains amendments to the specification and claims and remarks.